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COAST GUARD RESTRICTS VESSEL MOVEMENT AT ALGIERS POINT

NEW ORLEANS - The Coast Guard Captain of the Port has restricted movements of vessel traffic today in the Mississippi River from mile marker 95 to mile marker 93 near Algiers Point and is closely monitoring waterway conditions to determine what level of restricted movements should be in place during salvage and cleanup operations of the barge DM 932.

The Algiers Ferry is not authorized to operate because it is subject to contamination due to its proximity to pollution from remaining oil in the river. The Algiers Ferry will remain closed until the barge DM 932 is salvaged.

The previously closed water intake facilities downriver from the barge DM 932 have been reopened. The water intakes were closed today as a precautionary measure due to the secondary discharge of oil today after the barge shifted from changing river conditions.

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